GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF DIAMOND
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is much scope for the export of diamond;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum and value of diamond exported during the last two years, country-wise; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned thereby during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STAT IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) : Yes sir. Diamond is one of the most important export commodities of India. Exports of diamonds at US $ 6647.82 Million during 1999-2000 constituted 17.71% of the overall Indian exports of US $ 37538 Million during the same period.The Quantity and Value of diamonds (in foreign exchange in US dollars) exported during the last two years, country-wise is as under:

COUNTRY	Exports in 1998-99		Exports in 1999-2000	
	Quantity (lakh carats)	Value (US $ Million)	Quantity (lakh carats)	Value (US $ Million)
USA	122.53	1900.18	138.03	2440.28
Hongkong	57.21	1219.69	84.40	1803.37
Belguim	37.63	872.59	41.31	915.98
Japan	17.50	345.82	20.42	452.76
Israel	8.13	242.28	11.34	368.65
Others	24.99	445.55	35.67	666.78
Total	267.99	5026.11	331.17	6647.82

Source: Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), Mumbai